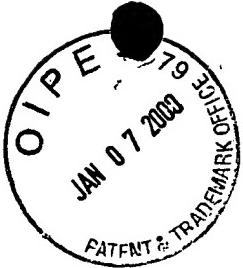


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Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

1. In a tire inflation system for a vehicle having at least one axle with at least one pneumatic tire mounted **[on a hub cap]** on the end of the axle for rotation about the axle end and a source of pressurized air carried by the vehicle for supplying air to the

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